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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

June 29, 1955

Dear Sirs:

In accordance with Public Law 108, Eighty-third Congress, approved July 10, 1953, the Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government submits herewith its Report on Intelligence Activities.

The Commission has had the services of an able Task Force presided over by General Mark W. Clark, President, The Citadel.

Respectfully,

s/ Herbert Hoover

Chairman

The Honorable
The President of the Senate

The Honorable
The Speaker of the House of Representatives

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INTRODUCTION

The investigation into the Intelligence Activities of the Government was performed by a Task Force under the Chairmanship of General Mark W. Clark, President, The Citadel, and comprising the members listed below:

CHAIRMAN

CLARK, Mark Wayne. General, U. S. Army (retired). United States Military Academy. Now President, The Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina. In World War II commanded Allied ground forces in Italy and effected first large-scale surrender of a German field command in Europe. June 1945, Commander-in-Chief of U. S. Occupation Forces in Austria and U. S. High Commissioner for Austria. Deputy to U. S. Secretary of State in London and Moscow with Council of Foreign Ministers negotiating Austrian treaty. May 1952, Commander-in-Chief, Far East Command, serving simultaneously as Commander-in-Chief, United Nations Command, Commanding General, U. S. Army Forces, Far East, and Governor of Ryukyu Islands. July 1953, signed Korean armistice agreement for United Nations.

MEMBERS

CONOLLY, Richard Lansing. Admiral, U. S. Navy (retired). Brooklyn, New York. Served at sea throughout World War I and awarded Navy Cross. In World War II commanded Destroyer Division Six; served in Office of Chief of Naval Operations and on staff, Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Fleet. Postwar duties included Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, U. S. Naval Advisor to European Advisory Commission, President of Naval War College. Now President, Long Island University.

HOLLINGS, Ernest Frederick. Lawyer. Charleston, South Carolina. The Citadel and University of South Carolina. During World War II, served in African and European Theaters with U. S. Army. Former member South Carolina State Legislature. Now Lieutenant Governor, State of South Carolina.

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KEARNS, Henry. Manufacturer, inventor and executive. Orange Oaks Ranch, La Verne, California. University of Utah. Past President, U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce; Vice President, Chamber of Commerce of the United States; and Director, Tournament of Roses Association. Chosen as "California's Most Useful Citizen," 1944. Fellow, American Institute of Management.

RICKENBACKER, Edward Vernon. Aviator. New York, New York. International Correspondence School. In World War I commanded 94th Aero Pursuit Squadron, personally credited with 26 air victories. World War II activities included special missions for Secretary of War to nine foreign countries and areas. U. S. and foreign government awards include Congressional Medal of Honor. Formerly executive with American Airways, Aviation Corporation, and North American Aviation. Since 1933, with Eastern Air Lines, Inc. as general manager and president; now Chairman of the Board.

RUSSELL, Donald Stuart. Lawyer. Spartanburg, South Carolina. University of South Carolina and University of Michigan. Practiced law in Spartanburg. Formerly member Price Adjustment Board, War Department; Assistant to Director of Economic Stabilization; Assistant to Director of War Mobilization; Deputy Director, Office of War Mobilization Reconversion; Assistant Secretary of State. Now President, University of South Carolina.

STAFF DIRECTOR

CHRISTIANSEN, James George. Major General, U. S. Army (retired). University of California, United States Military Academy. Former Chief of Staff, Army Ground Forces; Commanding General, 2nd Armored Division, Ft. Hood, Texas; Commanding General, 6th Armored Division, Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri; Chief Engineer, Far East Command; Chief of Military Assistance Advisory Group, Rome, Italy.

The Commission wishes to express its appreciation of the services and devotion of the members of the Task Force and to record its appreciation for the information and assistance provided by the officials of the various Federal agencies.

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PREFACE

The Task Force on Intelligence Activities, under the Chairmanship of General Mark W. Clark, found it necessary for some of its members to visit foreign countries to study these activities abroad as well as at home.

Their investigations inevitably involved matters of extremely classified character to which they were given full access. The Task Force has, therefore, prepared two reports -- an unclassified one bearing on the administration and the coordination of the intelligence services of the Central Intelligence Agency and the services of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and State Department. The other report, bearing the highest security classification was substantially related to the national security. This report was sent directly to the President and was not considered by the Commission because of its extremely sensitive content.

Therefore this Report of the Commission deals only with the unclassified Task Force Report.

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PART I

COMMISSION REPORT

The Task Force, in order to give assurance to the Nation that all segments of the Intelligence Activities are efficiently carried out and that the expenditures are properly administered, recommends that a permanent "Watch-Dog" Committee be created. They recommend that such a Committee be created from members of the Senate and House, together with eminent citizens serving part time as needed, to be appointed by the President.

The Commission believes, however, that while mixed Congressional and Citizens Committees for temporary service are useful and helpful to undertake specific problems and to investigate and make recommendations, such Committees, if permanent, present difficulties. We therefore make the following recommendation.

Recommendation

a. That the President appoint a committee of experienced private citizens, who shall have the responsibility to examine and report to him periodically on the work of Government foreign intelligence activities. This committee should also give such information to the public as the President may direct. The committee should function on a part time and per diem basis.

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b. That the Congress consider creating a Joint Congressional Committee on Foreign Intelligence, similar to the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy. In such case, the two committees, one Presidential and the other Congressional, could collaborate on matters of special importance to the national security.

Other measures requiring legislation or of an administrative character are recommended by the Task Force and we suggest these for the consideration of the Congress and the Departments concerned.

The unclassified report of the Task Force requires no detailed review, and we therefore include it in full as Part II of this report.

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PART II

Task Force Report on INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES in the FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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